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IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS ) :  
AND INFORMATION OUTPUT )  
APPARATUS : April 20, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of all of the listed documents, except for Chinese Patent Application No. 1120964, were submitted in the parent application (No. 10/216,745), and are not enclosed herewith for that reason. The Chinese application is enclosed.

The listed Japanese patent application was cited in a communication from a corresponding Korean patent application. (A copy of that communication was submitted in the parent application on August 25, 2004.) Applicants submit that the Japanese application may be considered relevant inasmuch as it was cited by an Examiner in a counterpart application. Also, Applicants submitted an English language abstract of that document in the parent application.

The listed U.S. patents in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office and a Chinese Patent Office communication, in counterpart applications. A copy of the European Search Report was submitted in the parent application on January 27, 2005. A copy of the Chinese communication is enclosed. This listed Chinese application was also cited in that Chinese communication.

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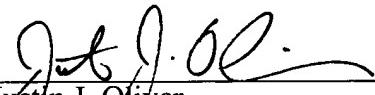
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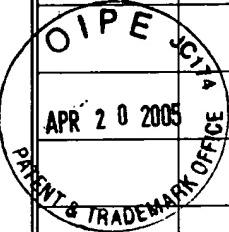
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